

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 26, 2004 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2004.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

3. Citation By Ald. Trane, Congratulating Edward Selfridge on the happy occasion of his 100th birthday.
4. Citation By Ald. Pero, Honoring Theresa Haley for 25 years of dedicated service to the City's adult learners as an Instructor and Counselor at SCALE.
5. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Health inspect the rear premises and parking lot of the Star Market on Winter Hill and report any violations.
6. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Youth Services instruct the Youth Development Program Coordinator to advise and counsel the youth involved with the weekend activities at 391 Medford St.
7. Order By Ald. Pero and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a pedestrian crossing sign on Broadway at the intersection of Glenwood Rd.
8. Order By Ald. Pero and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean Main St. and Broadway Terrace at the intersection of Broadway and Main St.

9. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police advise this Board, in writing, of the status of daytime Community Police Officer assignments in Davis Square, and other Squares in the City, specifically with regard to the likelihood of spring and/or summer assignments.
10. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the lights in the symbols at the top of the poles in Seven Hills Park between Holland St. and Meacham Rd.
11. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the many potholes in the street overlay on College Ave. between the Powderhouse Rotary and the Medford line.
12. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, or his designee, attend the Davis Square Task Force meeting on March 1 at 7:00 PM at 167 Holland St. to discuss Davis Square traffic issues, especially Highland Ave. at both Cutter and College Ave.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works and Chief Fire Engineer inspect the wood frame church on the corner of Highland and Morrison Aves. for any and all building code violations, specifically the placement of exterior lights proximate to abutting residential property and the careless storage of material under a fire escape, and take all necessary action to correct any and all violations.
14. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the pedestrian signal at the corner of Cutter Ave. and Summer St., as the signal does not turn to Walk when activated by pedestrians.
15. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the lifted sidewalk panels at 19A Otis St. as they pose a safety hazard.
16. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the lifted sidewalk panels from 6 Dell St. through Glen St. as they pose a safety hazard.
17. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk in front of 321 Alewife Brook Parkway as there is a depression that collects water and creates icing in cold weather.
18. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, White and Provost, That the Administration provide an update to this Board on the status of the Police Study recommendations.

19. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board offers its sincere thanks to the Police Dept. for the action taken on directed patrols in the Tufts area relative to rowdy and inappropriate behavior, and extends its support in this continuing effort.
20. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to cite motorists for speeding and Stop sign violations on Hamilton Rd. and Ware St. during morning rush hour.
21. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines request that NStar immediately remove the items stored at the substation on Endicott Ave., and take appropriate action if they fail to comply. (2nd request.)
22. Resolution By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That this Board requests that the State Delegation include Somerville in any bill filed by the City of Boston that requires the State to share tax revenues including meals, sales and hotel taxes generated by the Democratic National Convention in July.
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works personally inspect the area at the top of Lowden Ave. for litter and debris.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works relocate the Henry Hanson Memorial Park sign closer to Medford St.
25. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief Assessor provide the Ward 1 Alderman with contact information for the owner of 11 Sunnyside Ave.
26. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor notify the Ward 1 Alderman of the status of the court action regarding the illegal deck constructed at 70 Otis St.
27. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services respond in writing as to the findings for the overcrowded illegal units at 38 Illinois Ave.
28. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police instruct the Community Police Officers and the Gang Task Force to monitor the area around Franklin and Pearl Sts. for groups of teenagers/young adults who are disrupting the quality of life with their loud and obnoxious behavior.
29. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police instruct the Community Police Officers to investigate the 3 unregistered abandoned vehicles on Hillside Ave. and take any necessary action to remove them as they create a safety hazard.

30. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make a better effort to ticket commercial vehicles parked overnight on city streets, including, but not limited to, Columbus Ave. and Vernon St.
31. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor provide this Board, the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of Police either with a list of ways over which the City and/or the public has acquired prescriptive rights of way, or with clear guidance as to which department should compile such a list, and what tests and standards should be applied in so doing.
32. Resolution By Ald. Provost and Taylor, Regarding the US Patriot Act.
33. Resolution By Ald. Provost, O'Donovan and the Entire Board, re: Magoun Square enhancements.
34. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Clerk send a copy of the foregoing Magoun Square Resolution to the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, and that the Office of Housing and Community Development supply documents connected with the planned Magoun Square enhancements as it deems useful, in support of the Resolution.
35. Resolution By Ald. White, That the Administration report to this Board the status of the "Are You Okay" Program which this Board asked to be implemented one year ago.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of transfer of \$40,000 from Debt Service Interest on Notes BAN Acct. and \$40,000 from Damage to Persons and Property Judgments and Settlements Acct. to Law Dept. Legal Services Acct.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend an \$18,193.65 grant awarded from the Mass. Dept. of Public Health for local Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a Clayton Group Services Inc. contract beyond 3 years.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Barbara Stevens, 339 Baker St., West Roxbury, as Water Superintendent.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Cindy Hickey, 10 Richdale Ave., as Director of the Council on Aging.

41. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment or reappointment of the following constables: William Duarte, 9 Florence Terrace; Thomas DelMedico, 28 Hinckley St. #1; William Medeiros, 36 Linden St.; Martin Polignone, 74 Washington St. #504; Arthur Hamilton Jr., 31 Ash Ave.; Dia'Montina Soares, 1374 Broadway #6L.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Nerlande Brice, 227 Wood Ave., Hyde Park, as Sworn Weigher.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of poll workers for Primary Day, March 2.
44. Mayor's Comm. Responding to #175762 re: securing funding for the Dilboy Field renovation project.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

45. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Feb. 24.
46. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 24.
47. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 24.
48. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 25.
49. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Feb. 25.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

50. City Officer Comm. City Clerk responding to #175987 re: Treasurer Certificates of Good Standing for tax payments.
51. City Officer Comm. City Solicitor re: recommendations on wireless communication zoning.
52. City Officer Comm. City Solicitor responding to #175990 re: Appearing before this Board to discuss #175938.

NEW BUSINESS

53. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Mystic Herring Run Festival, Boys & Girls Club Blessing of the Bay Boathouse at 32 Shore Drive, May 2, 1-5PM.

54. Public Occ. Somerville Striders Road Race of Ireland & USA, Davis Sq.-Holland St.-Broadway, March 14 at 10AM.
55. Comm. **Communication**
U.S. Postal Service District Manager re: Winter Hill Branch Post Office renovation project.
56. Claim **Notice of Claim**
Karl R. Welday.
57. Claim Flamin K. Thomas.
58. Claim Grace Travaglia.
59. Claim Beri A. Lantum.
60. Claim James Harrison

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM